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HEALTH PROGRAMMES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Health related programmes/projects directly undertaken by the Union Government in Bihar during year 2000 and 2001; and

(b) the agencies involved and identified for executing the above programmes/projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a): Union Government has been implementing Disease Control Programme both Communicable and Non-Communicable for control of major diseases like Malaria including Kala-azar, TB, AIDS, Leprosy and Blindness in all States/UTs including Bihar.These Programmes are implemented as Centrally Sponsored Schemes.Whereas in the case of Malaria funds are provided on a 50:50 sharing basis in Bihar, in other disease control programmes funds are provided as 100% Central assistance. In addition, two districts of Bihar, namely, Muzzafarpur and Samastipur are included under the national Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases. Under National Family Welfare Programme, assistance is provided to the State for Reproductive and Child Health; Information, Education and Communication and Immunisation activities. In addition to the ongoing activity of Social Marketing of Contraceptives, a social marketing project for contraceptives has also been launched in the State in May, 2001 for 3 years at a cost of Rs.4.67 crores, covering 4 districts of Patna, Vaishali, Saaran and Samastipur. A Health Mela was organized at Patna for providing integrated Health and Family Welfare services to the people free of cost for check-up, treatment and counselling for various diseases.

(b): The disease control programmes of the Union Government are implemented through State Government and the State/District disease Control Societies. Involvement of NGOs is also encouraged particularly for such components of the programme as cataract operation, identification and treatment of cases of Leprosy and TB and creation of awareness about various diseases like HIV/AIDS and Family Welfare measures like social marketing of contraceptives. For Health Mela, services of Indian Medical Association, Patna were utilized.